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1. AS EXPECTED, DUTCH PARLIAMENTARY LEADERS SUPPORTED GON HANDLING OF PRINCE BERNHARD AFFAIR ALMOST TO A MAN DURING SHORT DEBATE AUG 30. ONLY REAL COMPLAINTS CAME FROM TWO MAN PACIFIST SOCIALIST PARTY WHICH CALLED FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF THE PRINCE REGARDLESS OF POSSIBLE CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS. PROPOSAL FAILED ATTRACT VOTES OF ANY OTHER PARLIAMENTARIANS.

2. PRACTICALLY ALL SPEAKERS MENTIONED NEED FOR GREATER GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY AND SHARPER DEFINITION OF WHO BELONGS TO ROYAL HOUSE, THUS COMING WITHIN PURVIEW OF GOVERNMENTS RESPONSIBILITY. (BEFORE JULIANA'S MARRIAGE TO BERNHARD, ONLY SHE AND QUEEN WILHELMINA

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WERE IN ROYAL HOUSE, BUT FAMILY NOW CONSISTS OF FOUR PRINCESSES,

THEIR HUSBANDS AND NUMEROUS CHILDREN). IN A BRIEF RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENT, PRIMIN DEN UYL AGREED AND SAID THAT GON PLANNED TO INTRODUCE A BILL ON THE SUBJECT BEFORE MAY ELECTIONS. HE SAID THAT GON SAW NO NEED TO FORCE BERNHARD TO RELINQUISH ALL OF HIS FUNCTIONS, PARTICULARLY MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL OF STATE. AS STATED IN THE GON REPORT OF LAST WEEK, THE PRINCE WOULD GIVE UP ONLY THOSE FUNCTIONS WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO CONFLICT OF INTERESTS.

3. DEN UYL SAID THAT THE GON WOULD COOPERATE FULLY IN ANY INVESTIGATION WHICH THE PARLIAMENT MIGHT DECIDE TO LAUNCH INTO THE GENRAL SUBJECT OF ARMS PURCHASES. THE CABINET WOULD TRY TO GET APPROVAL FROM THE SEC FOR RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS (MENTIONED IN THE DONNER REPORT) WHICH TOUCHED ON LOCKHEED CONTACTS WITH DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIANS TO PROMOTE SALES OF THE P-3 ORION.

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